

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-40, 42 and 44-47 are pending in present application. Claims 41 and 43 have been cancelled by the present amendment. Claims 1-38 and 41-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Monty et al. '416. Claims 39-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monty et al. '416 in view of Kondo et al. '652.

With reference to the rejection of claims 1-38 and 41-47 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Monty et al. '416, the reference to Monty et al. '416 is not believed to anticipate or make obvious the specific features required by the claimed invention. Claim 1 sets forth a digital printer for producing hard-copy prints. The printer comprises a marking apparatus adapted to provide images on a print; a digital medium interface for transferring images from a digital storage medium which stores a plurality of digital images; a network connection for communicating with a network; and a graphical user interface having user controls. The graphical user interface of claim 1 is adapted to select a digital image stored on the digital storage medium and selectively communicate with both the marking apparatus for local printing of the selected image and the network for remote printing of the selected image at a remote printing site. As further required by claim 1, the communication with the network for the remote printing at the remote printing site enables the graphical user interface to display a plurality of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at the remote printing site.

Therefore, as described in the present specification, the invention provides for a printer that includes a user interface that is enabled to display and select images for local and remote printing. This permits a user to order and obtain photo-products that may not be able to be produced by his/her home printer. More specifically, in some instances, a user may wish to obtain enlargements, photo mugs, or other types of photo products. These products may be larger than can be provided by their desktop printer, or may use other type of media that cannot be utilized by their printer. In this case, rather than a user having to bring their digital images to a retail outlet that can provide these services, the arrangement of the present invention provides for communication through a network to a remote printing site, and enables the graphical user interface of the printer to display a plurality of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at the remote printing site. The photographic options are shown, for example, in Figures 9A-9D and 10A-10D and described on pages 24-26 of the present application.

The reference to Monty et al. '416 is not believed to show or suggest the combination of features as required by Claim 1, including the enablement of printing at a remote printing site in a manner in which a graphical user interface can display a plurality of photo-product options when communication is made via the network, such that the product options can be fulfilled at the remote printing site. The reference to Monty et al '416 provides for a printing system that is adapted to select and print digitally stored images. With respect to communication to a network, the reference to Monty et al. '416 sets forth that digital image files can be sent to a remote location over a communication link which connects to a network such as the internet. However, Monty et al. '416 does not show or suggest the claimed combination of communication with a remote network and the enablement of a graphical user interface to display a plurality of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at a remote printing site when the option of printing at the remote network is selected. With the arrangement of the present invention, when a user elects to communicate via a network with a remote printing site, the user is provided with a display of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at the remote printing site to enable the user to select an option.

The combination of features of the present invention as noted above and required by claim 1 is not believed to be shown or suggested in Monty et al. '416.

Accordingly, Monty et al. '416 is not believed to anticipate or make obvious the features of claim 1.

Claims 2-31 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and set forth further unique features of the present invention which also are not believed to be shown or suggested in the applied reference. Therefore, these claims are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 32 relates to an imaging apparatus that is adapted to produce hard-copy prints. The apparatus of claim 1 includes user controls adapted to select local or remote network printing of images stored on a digital storage media, such that the selection of the remote network for printing of the images enables a display on a display screen of a plurality of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at a remote site. For the reasons noted above with respect to claim 1, Monty et al. '416 is not believed to show or suggest the features of claim 32.

Claim 33 depends from claim 32 and sets forth further unique features of the present invention which are also not believed to be shown or suggested in the applied reference. Therefore, this claim is also believed to be allowable.

Claim 34 relates to a method producing prints which includes the steps of selecting a specific image to be printed from captured images, uploading the selected image to a network for remote printing, and displaying a plurality of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at the remote site on the display screen of the printer. For the reasons noted above with respect to claims 1 and 32, the reference to Monty et al. '416 is not believed to anticipate or make obvious the features of claim 34.

Claim 35 depends from claim 34 and sets forth further unique features of the present invention which are also not believed to be shown or suggested in the applied reference.

Claim 36 relates to a method of producing prints and like claim 34 requires the concept of transferring images via a network to a fulfillment center for remote printing, and displaying a plurality of photo-product options that can be fulfilled at a fulfillment service on a display screen of a printer. For the reasons noted above with respect to claims 1, 32 and 34, the applied reference is not believed to show or suggest the features of claim 36.

Claim 37 relates to a self-contained digital printer for producing hard copy prints from images captured using a digital camera. Claim 37 sets forth that in a second printing mode the selected image is printed using a remotely located printing system. Claim 37 further requires that in the second printing mode, a color image display of a printer provides a menu of selectable printing options for the remotely located printing system. As noted above with respect to claim 1, the applied reference to Monty et al. '416 discloses that images can be sent remotely via the internet. However, Monty et al. '416 does not show or suggest the concept of sending images remotely in combination with utilizing the color display of a printer to provide a menu of selectable printing options that can be fulfilled at the remote site.

Accordingly, Monty et al. '416 is not believed to anticipate or make obvious the features of claim 37.

Claims 38-40, 42 and 44-47, depend either directly or indirectly from claim 37 and set forth further unique features of the present invention which are also not believed to be shown or suggested in the applied reference. Accordingly, these claims are also believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, the reference to Monty et al. '416 is not believed to anticipate or make obvious the features of claims 1-38, 42 and 44-47.

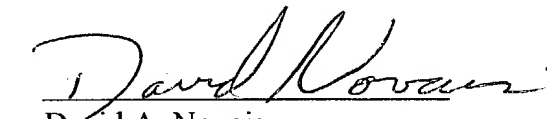
Referring to the rejection of claims 39-40 under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being unpatentable over Monty et al. '416 in view of Kondo et al. '652, the reference to Monty et al. '416 and its applicability to the claimed invention has been discussed above. The reference to Kondo et al. '652 it is not believed to

correct the deficiencies of Monty et al '416 with respect to the claimed invention. Each of claims 39 – 40 depend from claim 37 and set forth further features of the camera interface. It is noted that the reference to Kondo et al. '652, whether considered individually or in combination with Monty et al. '416, would not show or suggest the specific features of the present invention with respect to the second printing mode and the display of selectable printing options available at a remote site as required by claim 37; in combination with the further features of claims 39-40.

Accordingly, Monty et al. '416 and Kondo et al. '652, whether considered individually or in combination, are not believed to anticipate or make obvious the specific features required by claims 39-40.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is submitted that the inventions defined by each of claims 1-40, 42 and 44-47 are patentable, and a favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

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